

City of Akron American Rescue Plan (ARPA) Recovery Update

City Council Presentation — *12/05/2022*



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ARPA Funding Spending Update

Committed

\$145M

Total amount of funding that has been committed to a project that is currently in the Design/Planning Phase or Execution Phase

Obligated

\$30.6M

Total amount of funding that is currently tied to a contract or subaward of a project that is currently in the Execution Phase

Expended

\$12.6M

Total amount of funding that the City of Akron has spent to-date



Please note, data contained in this overview differs from that reported to the Department of Treasury, as more technical and nuanced data is required for federal reporting.

The City's ARPA allocation has been fully committed across the following 9 program areas

Committed

\$145M

Total amount of funding that has been committed to a project that is currently in the Design/Planning Phase or Execution Phase

\$10.5M

Violence Prevention

\$48.3M

Parks & Public Places

\$2.6M

Access to Healthcare & Social Services

\$25.7M

Housing

\$3M

Small Business Growth

\$15.6M

Public Utilities

\$24M

Budget Stabilization

\$10M

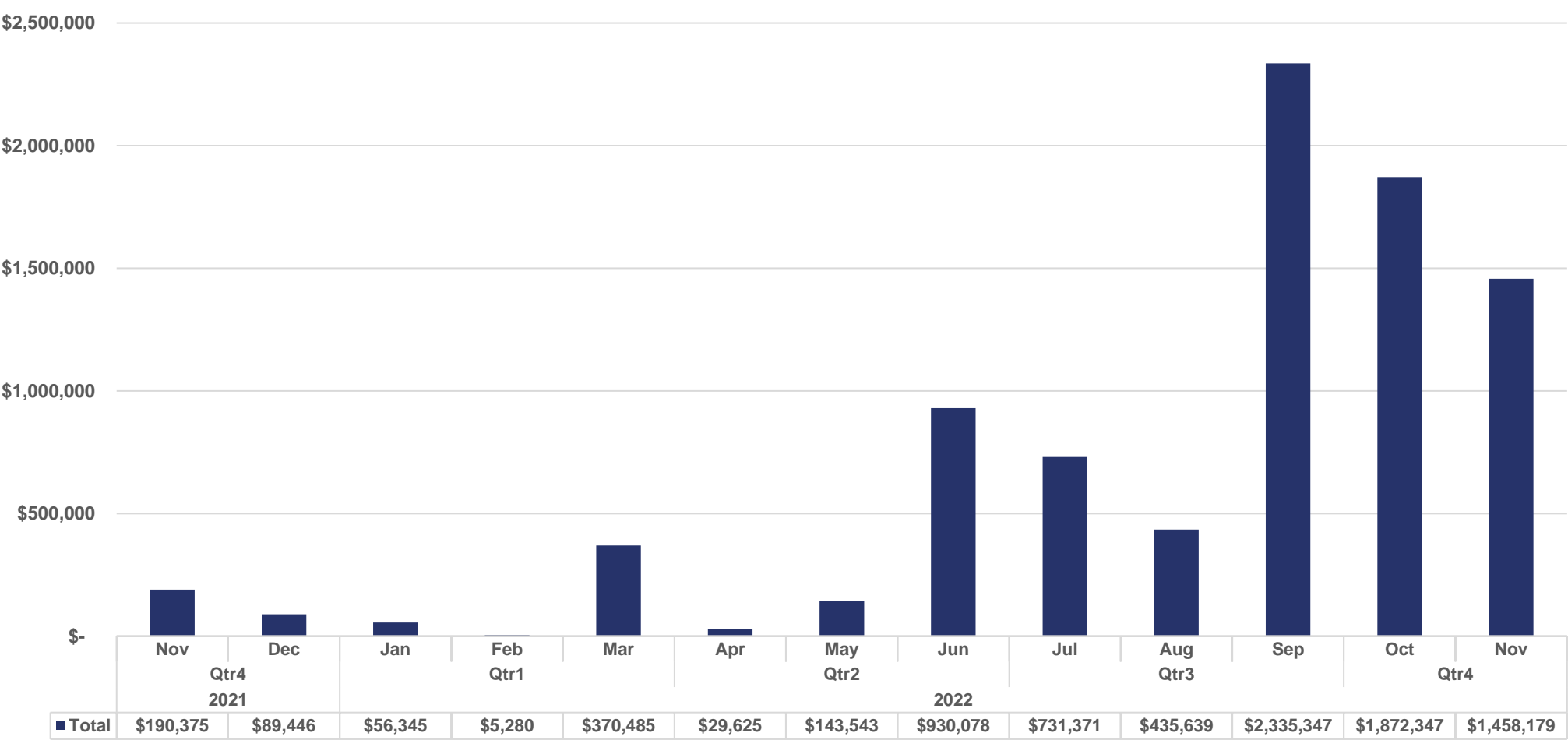
Premium Pay

\$5.4M

Administration



We anticipate ARPA spending to continue to increase exponentially as the majority of projects launch



Compared against peer cities, we are spending the ARPA funding at a faster rate

Akron
Total Funding: \$145,337,626
Total Expenses: \$12,655,305
(8.7% Spent)

Toledo
Total Funding: \$180,948,591
Total Expenses: \$8,600,000
(4.7% Spent)

Dayton
Total Funding: \$137,976,174
Total Expenses: \$1,300,000
(less than 1% Spent)

Youngstown
Total Funding: \$82,775,370
Total Expenses: \$288,798
(less than 1% Spent)



Note: the spending amounts reported in this overview are preliminary. Changes to accruals, delayed data entry, or other accounting related transactions impact the accuracy of spending data month-to-month. At the end of the fiscal year, the City of Akron follows year-end closing procedures to finalize records of all financial activity. Spending data should not be considered final until that time.

ARPA Communication Highlights

The City's communications strategy for spreading awareness and increasing engagement with ARPA related programs has been effective. Ensuring residents are informed of ongoing investments and funding opportunities has been a key priority. The City has employed a combination of social media, earned media coverage, and physical collateral to spread the word. The City also launched a one-stop, digital destination for all ARPA related news, funding notices, and other opportunities: www.akronohiorescue.gov. The site also features an investment dashboard, which tracks spending. These metrics indicate the investments we've chosen to make are popular amongst the constituents we serve.

Home Repair Program:

- ✓ 175,000 Impressions on Social Media
- ✓ 1600+ Applications Received

Small Business Relief Program:

- ✓ 513 Applications Received

Youth Violence Intervention & Prevention (VIP) Program:

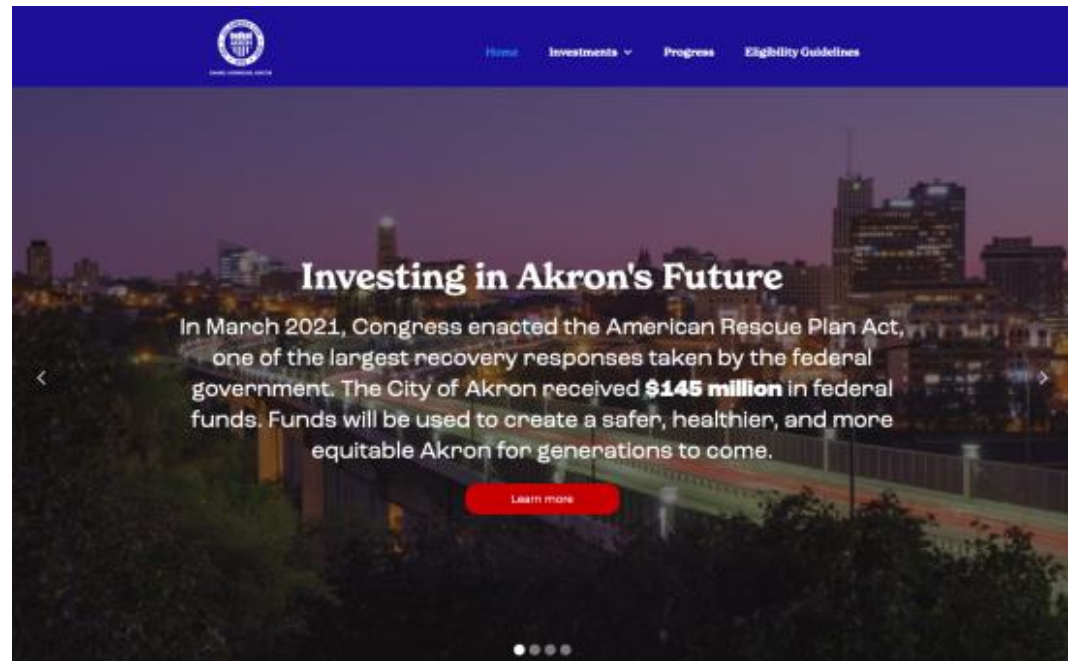
- ✓ 116 Applications Received
- ✓ Website Visitors Since July: 13,000

Akron Beacon Journal
New Akron housing program gives homeowners up to \$25,000 in repairs

FOX 8
Akron awards \$1.6 million in grants to combat violence

SPECTRUM NEWS 1
Akron to award \$1 million in ARPA funds to 100 small businesses for pandemic relief

Akron Rescue Plan Website - www.akronohiorescue.gov



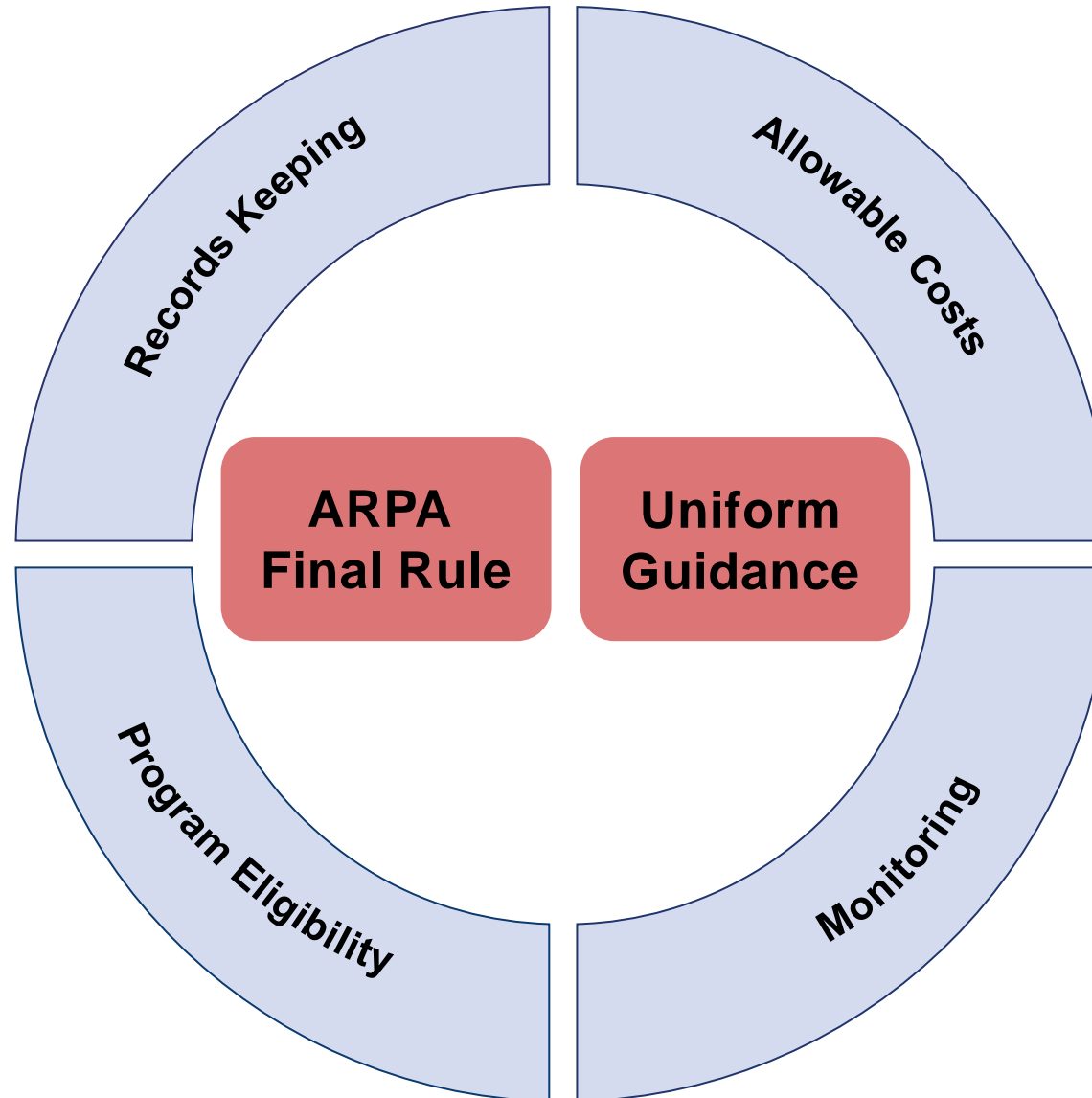
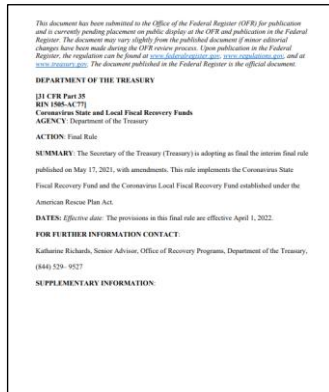
Strings Attached: ARPA & Federal Compliance

What is the Final Rule?

The regulation released by U.S. Treasury governing the American Rescue Plan Act's:

- Intended purpose
- Enumerated costs
- Reporting guidelines

[U.S. Treasury Final Rule \[Link\]](#)



What is Uniform Guidance?

Set of federal rules that apply to federal money outlining:

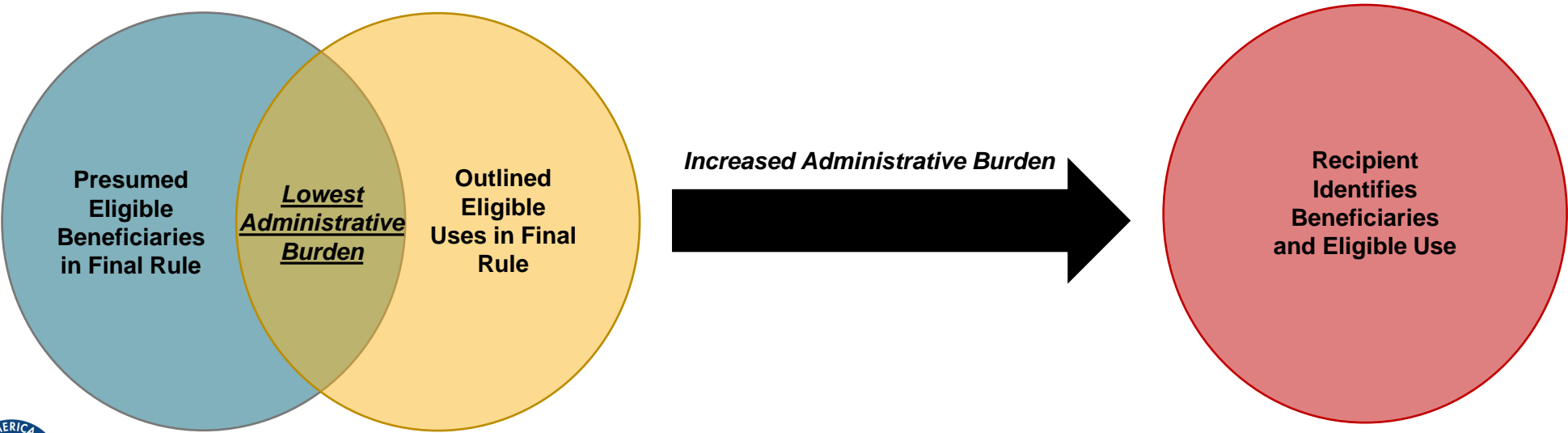
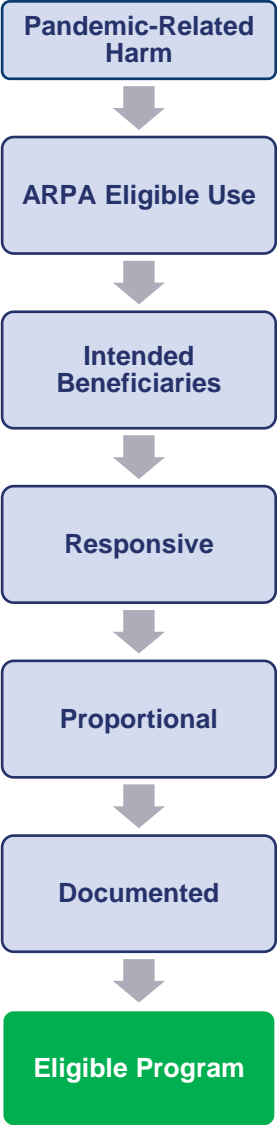
- Administrative requirements
- Cost principles
- Audit guidelines

[2 CFR 200 Uniform Guidance \[Link\]](#)



General Framework for Determining Eligibility of Funded Public Health or Economic ARPA Programs

Program Element	Criteria Which Must Be Met
Design of Program, Service or Intervention	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Must address or respond to a pandemic-related (public health or economic) harmResponses must be:<ul style="list-style-type: none">Responsive to the harm identified to a reasonable outside observer.Proportional to the harm – cost effective without unnecessary expenses
Beneficiary	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Must have experienced a pandemic-related (public health or economic) harm.May be an individual or a group of individuals.



Updates on Active Projects



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Financial Coaches – Financial Empowerment Center

The City of Akron is investing in the Financial Empowerment Center (FEC) by providing funding to sustain two financial coaches hired during the COVID-19 pandemic. The FEC aims to address economic inequity by **providing financial coaching and navigation services to low- to moderate income individuals**. Coaches help residents create a budget, set savings goals, improve their credit score, reduce debt, and more.

General Information	
Total Funding Commitment	\$600,000 (to be spend over 3 years)
Total Funding Spent To-Date	\$200,000
Project Manager	Catey Breck
Expenditure Category	2.37 Economic Impact Assistance: Other
Administration Type	<input type="checkbox"/> In-House <input type="checkbox"/> Contractor/Vendor <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sub-Recipient/Subaward (United Way of Summit & Medina County)
Project Status	Currently funded and in-progress

FEC's History of Success since 2018

\$2.2 Million
in Total Savings
Increased

146 New Bank
Accounts Opened

2,716 Clients
Provided with
Services

\$5,012,531 in Total Debt Reduced



Visit www.uwsummitmedina.org/services/financial-empowerment-center/
to learn more about the services offered



Akron Cares - Utility Assistance

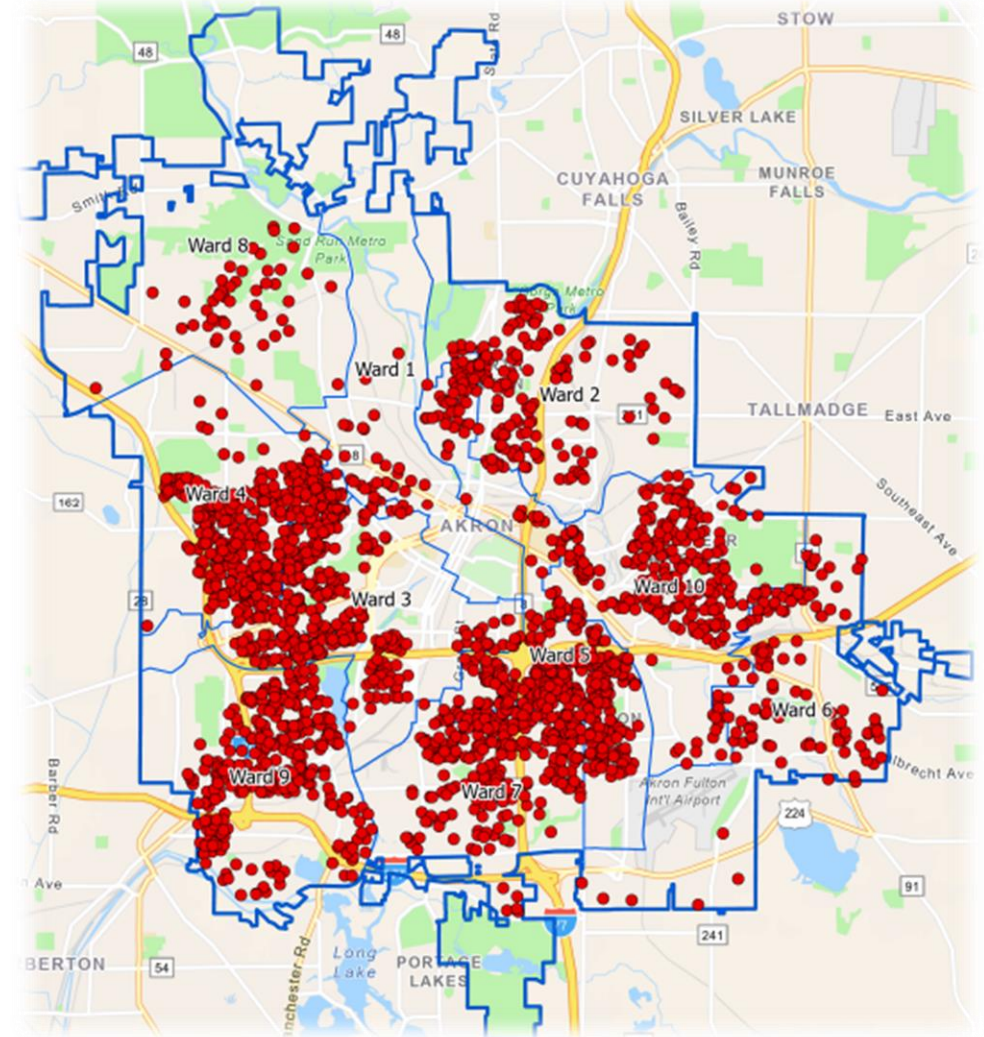
The purpose of Akron Cares is to assist individuals and families who are unable to pay their utility bills associated with water, sewer, and refuse. Through this program eligible applicants may be provided a one-time credit of up to \$500.00 towards an eligible delinquent City of Akron utility bill. Having shown success in the past, Akron Cares aims to continue **providing residents relief that are facing financial hardship as the City of Akron continues to recover from the COVID-19 Pandemic.**

General Information	
Total Funding Commitment	\$2,000,000
Total Funding Spent To-Date	\$793,890
Project Manager	Brian Reaman
Expenditure Category	2.2 Household Assistance: Rent, Mortgage, and Utility Aid
Administration Type	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> In-House <input type="checkbox"/> Contractor/Vendor <input type="checkbox"/> Sub-Recipient/Subaward
Project Status	Less than 50% Complete

2,276

The number of households that have benefited from relief to-date via the ARPA funded portion of the Akron Cares program

Akron Cares Assistance Recipients Between through Q3 2022



Water Main Replacement Projects

Replacement of chronically-breaking and deteriorating water mains to reinforce the water system and to improve system reliability of operation, increase pressure and flow, and improve water quality.

University of Akron 30" Water Main Rehabilitation - General Information	
Total Funding Commitment	\$690,707.62
Total Funding Spent To-Date	\$690,707.62
Project Manager	Bob Geiser
Expenditure Category	5.11-Drinking water: Transmission & Distribution
Administration Type	<input type="checkbox"/> In-House <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Contractor/Vendor (H.M. Miller Construction Company) <input type="checkbox"/> Sub-Recipient/Subaward
Project Status	<p>Complete</p> <p>This project rehabilitated the 30-inch water main in the former E. Buchtel Avenue on the University of Akron Campus which serves as a major transmission main to downtown Akron and supplies water to multiple University of Akron campus buildings. A leak was unable to be alleviated due to inoperable valves. New valves were installed to shut down the main on both ends and included installation of fittings, hydrants, and services during the completion.</p>

Water Main Replacement Project 2023 - General Information	
Total Funding Commitment	\$10,000,000
Total Funding Spent To-Date	\$1,999,418
Project Manager	Bob Geiser
Expenditure Category	5.11-Drinking water: Transmission & Distribution
Administration Type	<input type="checkbox"/> In-House <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Contractor/Vendor (Various) <input type="checkbox"/> Sub-Recipient/Subaward
Project Status	<p>Costs to-date are the result of purchasing all materials ahead of time, recognizing current supply chain concerns and increasing prices.</p> <p>The water mains selected for the project are being replaced in anticipation of street repaving.</p> <p>Nearly 275 additional lead service lines will be replaced as part of this project.</p>

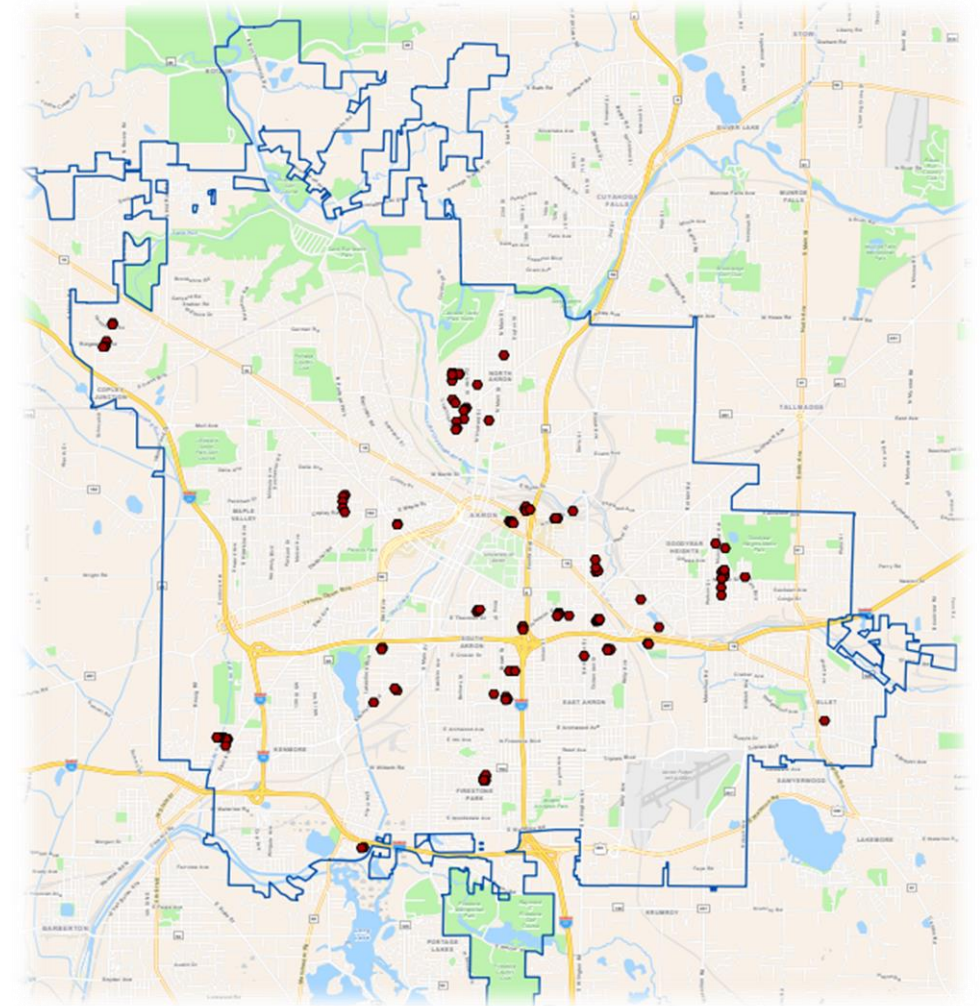


Lead Service Renewal & Disconnect Program

The City is using a portion of their ARPA funds to support its existing Lead Service Renewal and Disconnect Program in 2022 and 2023. This involves installing new copper service lines, curb valves, curb boxes, connecting the service line to the house line, removing old lead service lines, disconnecting lead services, backfilling the excavations, and restoring the street, driveway, sidewalk, roadside drainage feature or tree lawn. Full **lead service line replacement removes the source of corrosion and lead leaching, reducing the likelihood of lead exposure for homeowners.**

General Information	
Total Funding Commitment	\$2,500,000
Total Funding Spent To-Date	\$112.68 (\$410,860.28 payment pending)
Project Manager	Jeff Bronowski
Expenditure Category	5.12-Drinking water: Lead Remediation, including in Schools and Daycares
Administration Type	<input type="checkbox"/> In-House <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Contractor/Vendor (Various) <input type="checkbox"/> Sub-Recipient/Subaward
Project Status	2022 Lead Service Renewal & Disconnect Program – Complete 110 lead service lines were eliminated (locations displayed in the image on the right) 2022 Lead Service Line Replacement Program Project is set to go out for bid in December 2022 Nearly 1,200 lead service lines will be replaced

2022 Lead Service Lines Eliminated using ARPA



Joy Park Playground

Funding to **install a new playground for children at Joy Park** to enhance opportunity for outdoor play spaces and improve accessibility.

General Information	
Total Funding Commitment	\$175,000
Total Funding Spent To-Date	\$175,000
Project Manager	Helen Tomic
Expenditure Category	2.22 Strong Healthy Communities: Neighborhood Features that Promote Health and Safety
Administration Type	<input type="checkbox"/> In-House <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Contractor/Vendor (KABOOM! Inc) <input type="checkbox"/> Sub-Recipient/Subaward
Project Status	Complete

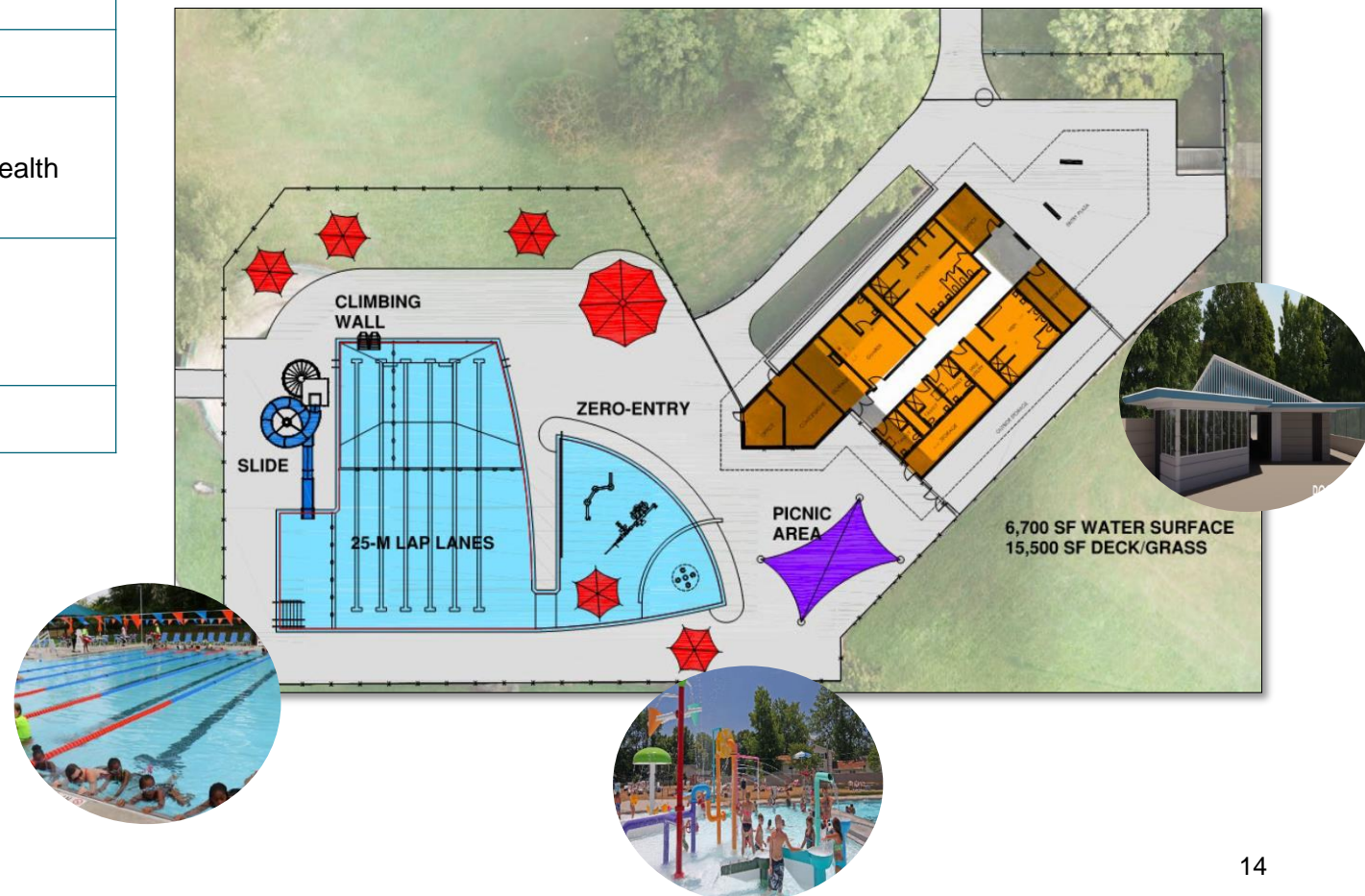


Perkins Pool & Bathhouse Renovation

Facility audits and public outreach completed in 2020 concluded both the Perkins and Reservoir pools are at the end of their useful life and need to be rehabilitated. ARPA funding will be used to **rehabilitate and upgrade the pools and bathhouses to bring them up to a condition comparable with other communities' pools, and ensuring the public space remains safe, accessible, and maintained.**

Perkins Pool Renovation - General Information	
Total Funding Commitment	\$6,249,000
Total Funding Spent To-Date	\$5,648
Project Manager	Michelle DiFiore
Expenditure Category	2.22 Strong Healthy Communities: Neighborhood Features that Promote Health and Safety
Administration Type	<input type="checkbox"/> In-House <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Contractor/Vendor <input type="checkbox"/> Sub-Recipient/Subaward
Project Status	Project is currently under construction

Perkins Concept Site Plan



Ed Davis Community Center Renovations

A facilities assessment and community outreach completed in early 2021 concluded Ed Davis Community Center is in dismal condition (i.e., beyond their lifespan, lacking required safety and ADA compliance) and in need of renovations. This project will **improve the Akron residents' user experience, make necessary safety and accessibility enhancements, and address ongoing maintenance needs resulting from increased use of parks/trails following the pandemic.**

Ed Davis Community Center Renovation - General Information	
Total Funding Commitment	\$10,700,000
Total Funding Spent To-Date	\$1,562
Project Manager	Michelle DiFiore
Expenditure Category	2.22 Strong Healthy Communities: Neighborhood Features that Promote Health and Safety
Administration Type	<input type="checkbox"/> In-House <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Contractor/Vendor (TBD) <input type="checkbox"/> Sub-Recipient/Subaward
Project Status	Construction bids have been received and are currently under review

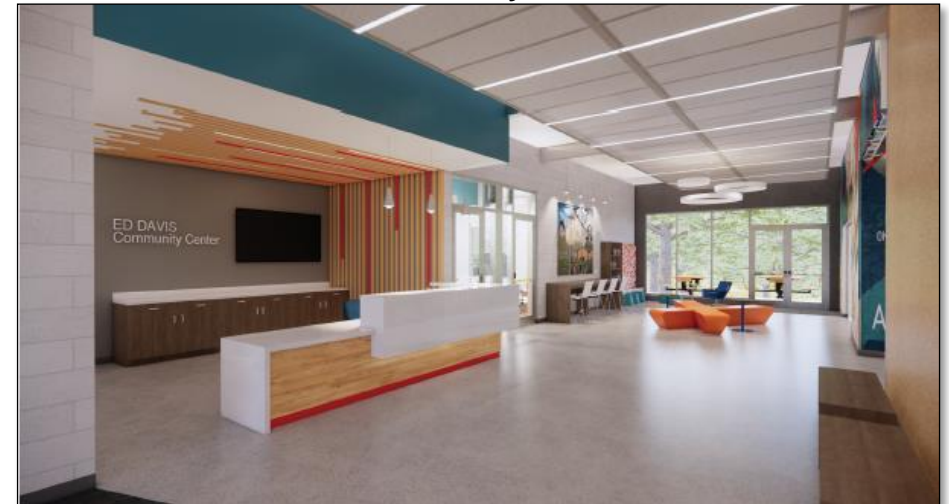
Front View



Gym & Track



Lobby



Lock 3 Vision Plan

Funding being used to transform Lock 3 Park into a bustling outdoor community hub, featuring a **walking & bike paths, new restrooms, gardens, skating areas, shaded seating, game terraces, and a world-class performance pavilion**. Centrally located, Lock 3 Parks' new walking & bike paths will connect to Downtown, Park East, and Summit Lake. The Lock 3 Vision Plan is a collaboration between the City of Akron, Akron Civic Commons, and the Knight Foundation.

General Information	
Total Funding Commitment	\$5,200,000
Total Funding Spent To-Date	\$3,563
Project Manager	Michelle DiFiore
Expenditure Category	2.22 Strong Healthy Communities: Neighborhood Features that Promote Health and Safety
Administration Type	<input type="checkbox"/> In-House <input type="checkbox"/> Contractor/Vendor <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sub-Recipient/Subaward (Ohio & Erie Canal Corridor Coalition, Inc)
Project Status	OECC is anticipating the bid (for construction) will go out in January 2023



Summit Lake Vision Plan

Funding being used to further develop the Ohio and Erie Canal Summit Lake Trail, featuring a **2.75-mile multi-purpose trail that will be accessible for hikers, walkers, and bicyclists around Summit Lake**. The trail links the eastern and western neighborhoods surrounding Summit Lake and connects to the 101-mile Ohio & Erie Canal Towpath Trail. Plans also involve developing the North Shore Activity Area which will **provide community gathering spaces, better access to the lake through boardwalks, boat launches, picnics, fishing and canoeing and space for nature programming**.

General Information	
Total Funding Commitment	\$5,000,000
Total Funding Spent To-Date	\$1,149 (\$4,888,397.34 Obligated)
Project Manager	Michelle DiFiore
Expenditure Category	2.22 Strong Healthy Communities: Neighborhood Features that Promote Health and Safety
Administration Type	<input type="checkbox"/> In-House <input type="checkbox"/> Contractor/Vendor <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sub-Recipient/Subaward (Ohio & Erie Canal Corridor Coalition, Inc)
Project Status	OECC has bid Phase 1, the trail project, and it is currently under construction. Plan for Phase 2, North Shore Activity Area, to go out for bid in first quarter of 2023



Officials and residents of the Summit Lake neighborhood held a groundbreaking ceremony for the Ohio & Erie Canal Summit Lake Trail on Oct 25th, 2022



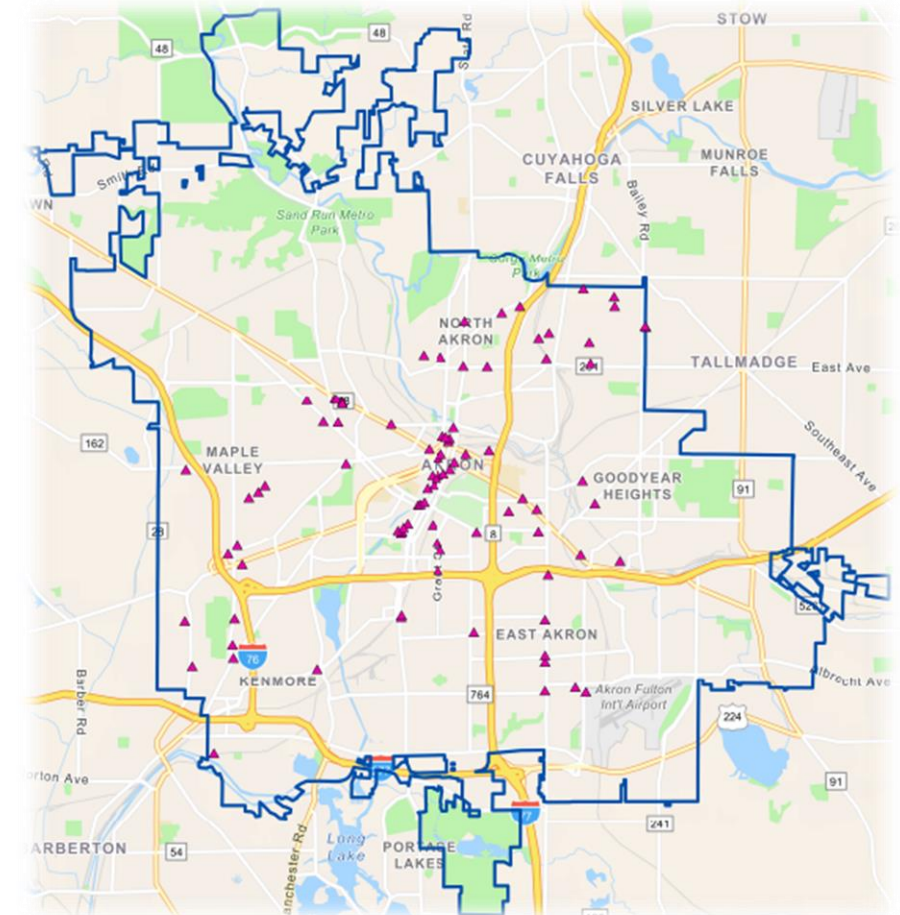
Small Business Relief Grant Program

This one-time grant places an emphasis on small business that are located in Akron's Qualified Census Tracts (QCT) and as a result have been negatively impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. The program aims to **ensure eligible employers located in QCTs can keep their doors open, protect local jobs threatened by the pandemic, and increase the resiliency of local businesses.**

General Information	
Total Funding Commitment	\$1,065,000
Total Funding Spent To-Date	\$1,000,000
Project Manager	Catey Breck
Expenditure Category	2.29 Loans or Grants to Mitigate Financial Hardship
Administration Type	<input type="checkbox"/> In-House <input type="checkbox"/> Contractor/Vendor <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sub-Recipient/Subaward (Akron Chamber)
Project Status	Awardees have been selected and notified; grant program moving into the closeout phase

Program Metrics	Oversubscription Process
513 total applications	Oversubscription occurs when eligible demand (n=144) for a grant is greater than the number of awards available (n=100). As a result, the Chamber prioritized awards to eligible businesses if they: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> had not already received CARES assistance from prior grant programs, and/or <input type="checkbox"/> qualified as a disadvantaged business type (e.g., minority-owned; women-owned; Veteran-owned)
144 applications met all eligibility criteria	
100 small businesses received grants	
43 recipients were minority-owned businesses	
40 recipients were woman-owned businesses	

Locations of Small Business Relief Grant Awardees



Hospitality Reopening Grant Program

Using State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) provided through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), the City of Akron set aside a portion to **provide grants and assistance to support safely reopening hotels and motels located in Akron, Ohio located in Qualified Census Tracts (QCTs)**. This grant is restricted to independently owned and franchised hotel and motels, that, due to COVID, were forced to shut down for more than seven days, with at least 25 units available to clients on a year-round basis.

General Information	
Total Funding Commitment	\$142,000 (Initially set aside \$250,000)
Total Funding Spent To-Date	\$142,000
Project Manager	Sean Vollman
Expenditure Category	2.29 Loans or Grants to Mitigate Financial Hardship
Administration Type	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> In-House <input type="checkbox"/> Contractor/Vendor <input type="checkbox"/> Sub-Recipient/Subaward
Project Status	Complete ; One hotel applied and received a grant

Consistent with similarly structured programs in other states the amount of funds that were available to any individual hotel was capped based on the number of rooms and the length of time that the hotel was closed, as follows:

Length of Closing	Maximum Amount Per Room
Greater than one week but less than four months	\$500
At least four months but less than eight months	\$1,000
At least 8 months but less than one year	\$1,500
One year or more	\$2,000

Eligibility Criteria

- **ARPA-SLFRF Eligibility** – Hotel was closed after March 11, 2020, for more than seven days during the pandemic and faced reopening costs
- **Hotel Classification** – Business is a hotel pursuant to section 3731.01 of the [Ohio Revised Code](#)
- **Location** – Hotel is located and operate within on of Akron's Qualified Census Tract area
- **Supporting Documentation** – Can provide a TIN, UEI, W9, active hotel license, Certificate of Good Standing from the State of Ohio, and an audit or federal return no older than calendar year 2019

Use of Grant Funds

Funding from grants awarded by this program are only able to be used to support reopening of the hotel or strengthen the hotels' ability to sustain operations following reopening. Examples of eligible expenses are limited to the following:

- Payroll and benefits;
- Utility costs for the hotel location;
- Investments to meet reopening guidelines, such as purchasing Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and other workplace improvements directly related to mitigating the spread of COVID-19



South Akron Campus Surveillance

Funding is the City of Akron's portion of a **collaborative effort** between County of Summit, the City of Akron, The University of Akron, and the City of Fairlawn aimed at **designing, constructing, and operating a public safety monitoring network** in the City of Akron and comprised of the area located and including, Exchange St., to the north, Grant St., to the west, Thornton St., to the south and Spicer St., to the east (“South of Exchange Neighborhood”), which can then serve as a pilot for potential expansion into other areas of Akron and elsewhere throughout Summit County.

General Information	
Total Funding Commitment	\$913,500
Total Funding Spent To-Date	\$62,536
Project Manager	Gert Wilms
Expenditure Category	1.11 Community Violence Interventions
Administration Type	<input type="checkbox"/> In-House <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Contractor/Vendor (TBD) <input type="checkbox"/> Sub-Recipient/Subaward
Project Status	Intergovernmental Agreement drafted by Summit County; Initial bid for the work is currently live

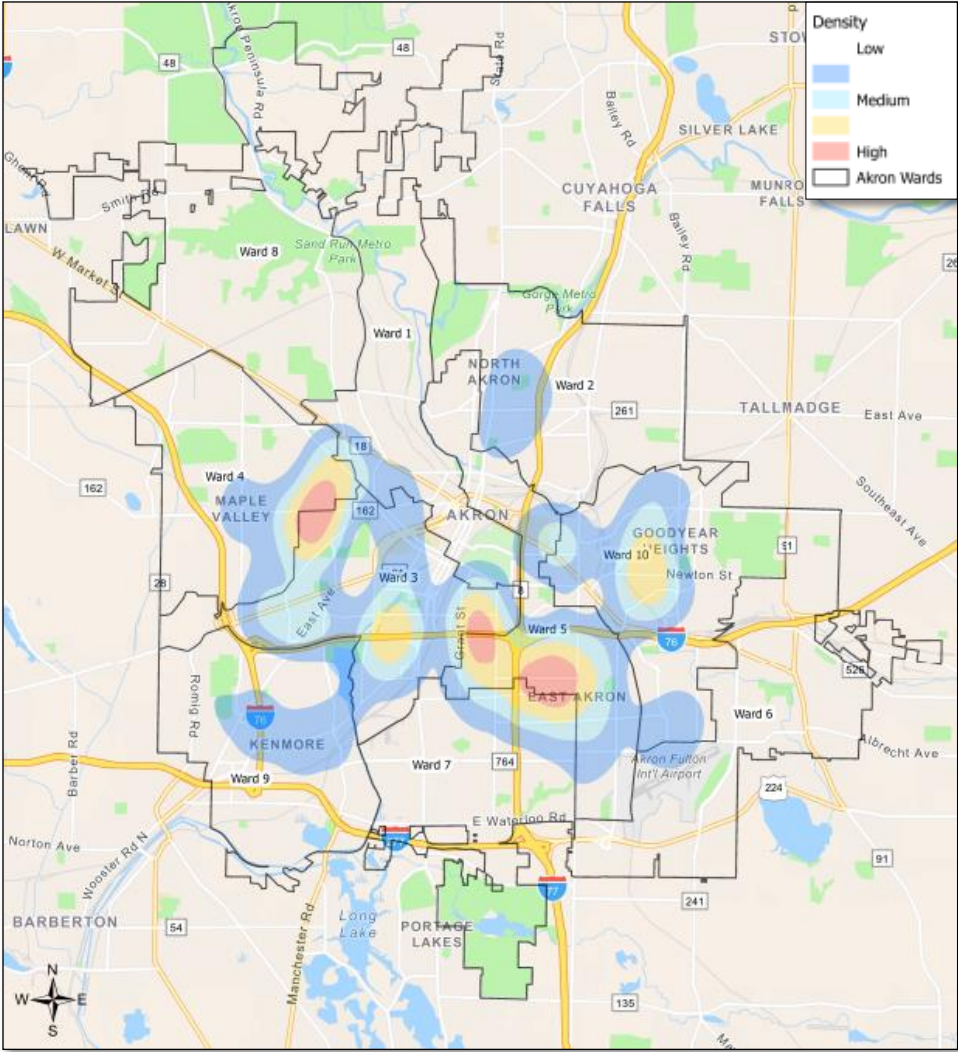


Flock Cameras

Purchase and install **license-plate reading cameras** in an effort support police investigations to identify stolen cars, violent crime suspects, and more using artificial intelligence.

General Information	
Total Funding Commitment	\$500,000
Total Funding Spent To-Date	\$315,625
Project Manager	Captain Agostino Micozzi
Expenditure Category	1.11 Community Violence Interventions
Administration Type	<input type="checkbox"/> In-House <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Contractor/Vendor (Flock Group, Inc.) <input type="checkbox"/> Sub-Recipient/Subaward
Project Status	125 cameras have been purchased to-date

Discharging Firearms, Felonious Assaults with a Firearm, and Murders with a Firearm between 9/1/2022 and 11/27/2022



Violence Intervention & Prevention Grant Program

Provide organizational capacity and programming grants to violence intervention and prevention-oriented nonprofits, faith-based organizations, and healthcare organizations. Programming includes **mentoring, life skills, after school programs, re-entry support services, community norm change efforts; treatment & supports to address mental health, intimate partner violence intervention and prevention programs, and many more.**

General Information	
Total Funding Commitment	\$7,500,000
Total Funding Spent To-Date	\$1,378,360
Project Manager	Denico Buckley-Knight
Expenditure Category	1.11 Community Violence Interventions
Administration Type	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> In-House <input type="checkbox"/> Contractor/Vendor <input type="checkbox"/> Sub-Recipient/Subaward
Project Status	Between round one and two 15 project have been funded. City is currently in the process of reviewing the 84 applications from round three

Program Metrics
4,541 individuals provided with services through VIP funded programming (i.e., reentry services, victims' assistance, afterschool programming, crisis intervention, and mentorship)
163 youth have been provided with focused mentorship
Of the youth participating in VIP-funded mentorship, only 2 have engaged in a physical dispute in-school

Funded Organization	Project Type	FY 22 Budget
Students With A Goal (SWAG)	Afterschool programming	\$100,000
Guys and Gals Community Partnership	Afterschool programming	\$100,000
Akron Citizens Church / Vincent House	Afterschool programming	\$100,000
Alchemy Inc	Capacity Building	\$75,000
Greenleaf Family Center	Counseling Support	\$30,500
Battered Women's Shelter & Rape Crisis Center	Domestic Violence Support Services	\$100,000
Victim Assistance	Domestic Violence Support Services	\$150,000
South Street Ministries	Reentry Support Services	\$100,000
Project GRAD Akron	Youth Mentorship & Afterschool programming	\$100,000
Fallen Fathers - OG Program	Youth Mentorship & Norm Change	\$100,000
100 Black Men of Akron, Inc.	Youth Mentorship	\$100,000
Dreams Academy	Youth Mentorship	\$100,000
Pastoral Counseling Service of Summit County	Youth Mentorship	\$75,000
South Akron Youth Membership	Youth Mentorship	\$80,000
Williams Challenge	Youth Mentorship	\$33,000

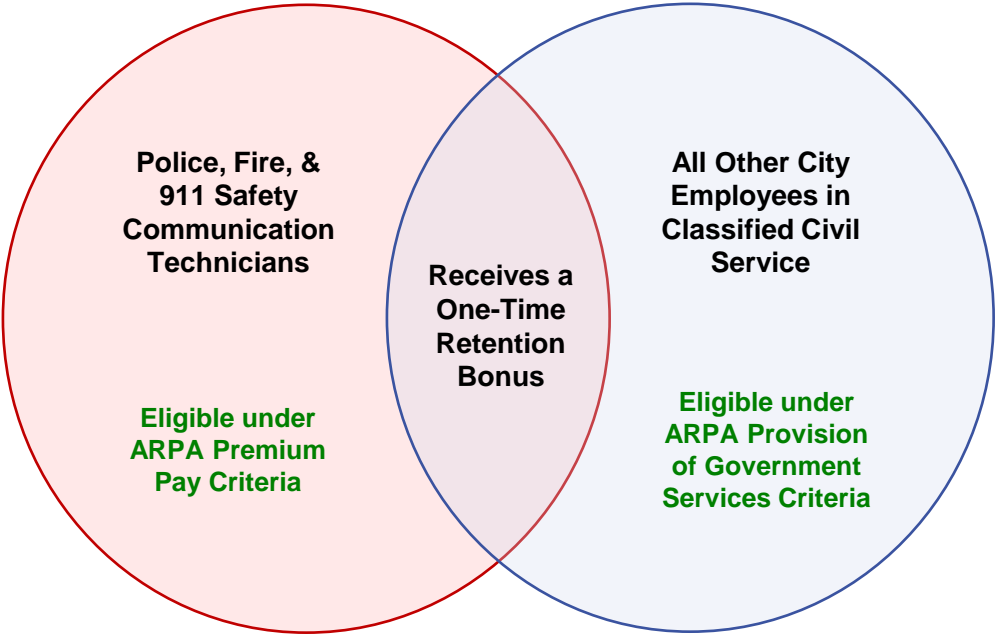


Premium Pay

In light of the efforts and work undertaken by city employees during the unprecedented COVID-19 pandemic, and in order to try and maintain its staffing levels during a time when a record number of individuals were voluntarily leaving their employment, the City Administration explored the possibility of extending financial incentives to its civil servants. After investigation, the **decision was made to issue one-time payments to all classified city employees** – thereby keeping all classified city employees in some form of parity. Ultimately, the amounts paid to these individuals varied according to the employees’ respective bargaining units, but all were paid from federal American Rescue Plan funding either by way of premium pay for safety force employees (i.e., Police, Fire, and Safety Communications), or the City’s own share of revenue replacement

Cognizant of the fact that those making the decision to issue these incentives were members of unclassified civil service, unclassified city employees, such as the Mayor, his Cabinet, City Council members, Municipal Court Judges, and Clerk of Courts were excluded from eligibility for receipt of the incentive.

General Information	
Total Funding Commitment	\$10,000,000
Total Funding Spent To-Date	\$3,756,283
Project Manager	Steve Fricker
Expenditure Category	6.1 Provision of Government Services
Administration Type	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> In-House <input type="checkbox"/> Contractor/Vendor <input type="checkbox"/> Sub-Recipient/Subaward
Project Status	A one-time bonus was issued to City Employees in the Classified Civil Service, those who are not in an elected or appointed position, as a one time \$2,000 bonus split between two payments in 2022.



Community Development Corp (CDC) Grant Program

The purpose of this grant program is to partner with CDCs to proactively address the negative economic impacts of the pandemic by investing in **projects that promote population and tax revenue growth through the revitalization and repurposing of vacant, underutilized, blighted or historic buildings and increase investment in place-based infrastructure.**

General Information	
Total Funding Commitment	\$1,500,000
Total Funding Spent To-Date	\$0
Project Manager	Helen Tomic
Expenditure Category	Various
Administration Type	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> In-House <input type="checkbox"/> Contractor/Vendor <input type="checkbox"/> Sub-Recipient/Subaward
Project Status	Application period is closed; 8 applications are currently under review

Eligible Project Categories	
<input type="checkbox"/> Job Training:	Projects aimed at supporting impacted communities through investments in job training and assistance to the underemployed.
<input type="checkbox"/> Long-term Housing Security: Affordable Housing:	Projects aimed at supporting disproportionately impacted communities through investments in affordable housing.
<input type="checkbox"/> Housing Support: Other Housing Assistance:	Projects aimed at supporting impacted communities through investments in household assistance.
<input type="checkbox"/> Social Determinants of Health: Lead Remediation:	Projects aimed at supporting disproportionately impacted communities through investments in lead remediation.
<input type="checkbox"/> Strong Healthy Communities: Neighborhood Features that Promote Health and Safety:	Projects aimed at supporting disproportionately impacted communities through investments in neighborhoods to promote improved health outcomes.
<input type="checkbox"/> Strong Healthy Communities: Rehabilitation of Properties:	Projects aimed at supporting disproportionately impacted communities through investments in demolition and rehabilitation of properties.

Project Considerations

To-be funded project submissions clearly responded to the criteria below:

- 1. Meet ARPA Timeline:** Project must be able to be obligated by December 2024 and expended by December 2026.
- 2. Funding support and match:** Although not required, the most competitive proposals include a financial contribution from another state, local, or private entity.
- 3. Location:** Preference given to projects located in Federal Qualified Census Tracts (QCT) or in Akron’s Great Streets districts.
- 4. COVID-19 impact:** Applicant must address how the project is responsive to the negative public health and/or economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic and complies with all ARPA requirements, as described in the Final Rule and Final Rule Overview.
- 5. Capacity:** Applicant or development team has experience implementing a project of a similar scope.
- 6. Long-term impacts:** Able to articulate how the proposal will have a long-term impact in the community including addressing how it will enable growth in population, tax revenue and/or community resiliency.
- 7. Financial Viability:** Demonstrate long-term financial viability of the project and financial need for the project.
- 8. Alignment with Existing Strategy:** Able to articulate how it supports the vision and goals stated in Planning to Grow Akron 2.0 and/or Great Streets programming.

I PROMISE Affordable Housing Project

Provide a portion of funding for project will include **the construction of 50 new affordable housing units** located on a 1.73 acre plot a half mile from the existing IPROMISE school at 445 South Maple Street, Akron, Ohio 44302. IPROMISE Housing will also provide a comprehensive suite of wraparound services

General Information	
Total Funding Commitment	\$675,000
Total Funding Spent To-Date	\$0
Project Manager	Helen Tomic
Expenditure Category	2.15 Long-term Housing Security: Affordable Housing
Administration Type	<input type="checkbox"/> In-House <input type="checkbox"/> Contractor/Vendor <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sub-Recipient/Subaward (East Akron Neighborhood Development Corp)
Project Status	Project is currently under construction, anticipating completion by Spring 2023

50 new affordable housing units being created including, **9** two-bedroom units, **38** three-bedroom units, and **3** four-bedroom units




Affordable Housing Acquisition & Rehab Grant Program

The purpose of this program is to partner with local nonprofits to proactively address the negative economic impacts that the pandemic has had on neighborhoods and communities. The City of Akron will **work with non-profits to invest in affordable housing projects** that promote long term housing stability, and to identify projects that will create or improve the quality of **affordable rental and rent-to-own opportunities for low- and moderate-income households**.

General Information	
Total Funding Commitment	\$3,500,000
Total Funding Spent To-Date	\$0
Project Manager	Sean Vollman
Expenditure Category	Various
Administration Type	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> In-House <input type="checkbox"/> Contractor/Vendor <input type="checkbox"/> Sub-Recipient/Subaward (TBD)
Project Status	Award decisions have been finalized. Contracts currently being drafted.

Agency	Award	Project Description
East Akron Neighborhood Development Corp (EANDC)	\$600,000	Improve the quality of homes for an estimated 307 residents who are low-income by installing air conditioning units (which they're currently without) and HVAC upgrades, as well as updates to their kitchens and bathrooms.
North Hill CDC	\$400,000	Mixed-use commercial rehabilitation consisting of five affordable housing units and offices and community space on the first floor. Second floor will house 4 two-bedroom units and the first floor will have an ADA unit.
The Well CDC	\$2,500,000	Acquire vacant/abandoned/neglected properties; redevelop them resulting in 85 healthy, affordable housing units in Middlebury by 2026.


Notice of Funding Opportunity



American Rescue Plan
2022 Acquisition and
Rehabilitation Program

City of Akron

September 30, 2022



Daniel Horrigan, Mayor

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ARPA Home Repair Program

The Akron ARPA Home Repair Program aims to address the housing, health, and safety needs of income-eligible households so that Akron residents can maintain a safe, decent, and affordable place to live.

General Information	
Total Funding Commitment	\$20,000,000
Total Funding Spent To-Date	\$1,000,000
Project Manager	Sean Vollman
Expenditure Category	2.18 Housing Support: Other Housing Assistance
Administration Type	<input type="checkbox"/> In-House <input type="checkbox"/> Contractor/Vendor <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sub-Recipient/Subaward (G. Stephens, Inc.)
Project Status	Less than 50% complete

Program Metrics


1,600 applications submitted with 54% of the applications (n=874) coming from Wards 3, 4, and 5

81 home inspections completed to-date

\$20,500 the average repair cost per home of selected awardee

Partnerships and referral coordination with the City of Akron's Lead Safe Akron Grant Program and Summit County Home Weatherization Assistance Program


Most Common Repairs Thus Far



Hot Water Tanks



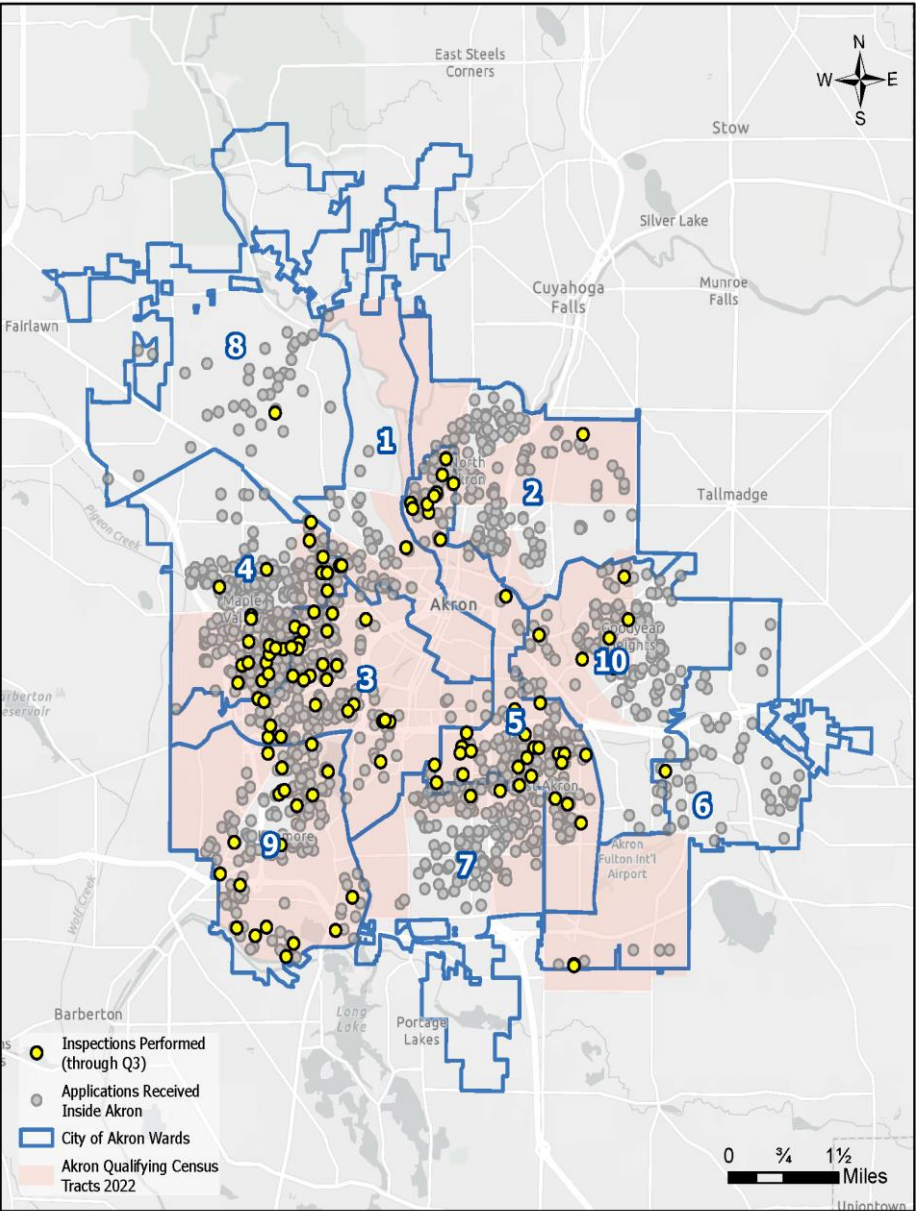
Furnaces



Roofs

20

The number of homes with repairs completed



Guidehouse Consulting Services

Guidehouse provides compliance monitoring, **federal reporting**, **grant administration**, and **technical assistance** to the City and its community partners as requested.

Guidehouse's Current Scope of Work w/ Examples

General Information	
Total Funding Obligated	\$1,600,000
Total Funding Spent To-Date	\$944,333
Project Manager	Tamiyka Rose
Expenditure Category	7.1-Administrative Expenses
Administration Type	<input type="checkbox"/> In-House <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Contractor/Vendor (Guidehouse Inc) <input type="checkbox"/> Sub-Recipient/Subaward
Project Status	Less than 50% Complete

Compliance Monitoring

- Conducts individual project risk assessments on all ARPA funded projects
- Provides oversight and guidance to ensure compliance with OMB Uniform Guidance 2 CFR, Part 200.
- Reviews contracts and purchasing documentation to ensure compliance of expenditures using federal funds, as requested
- Develops processes and documentation requirements related to sub-recipient risk assessment, monitoring, and management, as requested

Grant Administration

- Provides program guideline and application design support to aid compliance and ensure the timely launch of programs (e.g., VIP, Small Business Hardship, Minority Owned Business Mentorship, Home Repair, CDC grant, Home Repair)
- For select programs Guidehouse conducts initial quality assurance reviews on all applications (ensure all applications are complete, accurate, and address all federal and state requirements)
- Conducts subrecipient risk assessments for select projects

Federal & Financial Reporting

- Assist with reporting and submitting all necessary documentation to the U.S. Treasury and any other federal or state agency as requested
- Provides quality assurance and audit readiness support to the City's finance team (e.g., reconciliation support, project tracking, U.S. Treasury update monitoring)
- Optimize the use of City's Workday Financials System (e.g., new workday reports to aid in reconciliation)
- Created a PowerBI transparency spending dashboard

Technical Assistance (TA)

- Provides internal training and creates compliance tools for city staff (e.g., 2 CFR 200, SLFRF Affordable Housing)
- Provides TA to community partners and high-risk subrecipients (e.g., compliance packet, one-on-one TA for VIP grantees)
- Conducts benchmarking studies to inform program design (e.g., small business grant landscape scan; doorbell camera pilot)
- Identifies additional funding opportunities for Akron (e.g., monthly federal funding newsletter, BIL, and IRA funding breakdowns)



Additional Administrative Expenses

Market Me 24/7 LLC created akronohiorescue.gov, the public resource for residents to track what projects are coming and how much money has been spent. Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Pease LLP is providing the City with [contract writing services](#) for the entire ARPA process.

Market Me 24/7 LLC - General Information	
Total Funding Commitment	\$44,500
Total Funding Spent To-Date	\$41,500
Project Manager	Tamiyka Rose
Expenditure Category	7.1 Administrative Expenses
Administration Type	<input type="checkbox"/> In-House <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Contractor/Vendor <input type="checkbox"/> Sub-Recipient/Subaward
Project Status	More Than 50% Complete

Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Pease LLP - General Information	
Total Funding Commitment	\$85,000
Total Funding Spent To-Date	\$80,928
Project Manager	Brian Angeloni
Expenditure Category	7.1 Administrative Expenses
Administration Type	<input type="checkbox"/> In-House <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Contractor/Vendor <input type="checkbox"/> Sub-Recipient/Subaward
Project Status	Less Than 50% Complete



Appendix



DANIEL HORRIGAN, MAYOR

Forthcoming Projects

2022-2023 Community Center HVAC Upgrades

Total Funding Commitment \$604,000

Akron Safe Pledge Program

Total Funding Commitment \$250,000

AxessPointe Community Health Center

Total Funding Commitment \$1,000,000

City of Akron Website

Total Funding Commitment \$189,000

Dash Cameras

Total Funding Commitment \$1,474,277

Homelessness Support

Total Funding Commitment \$1,000,000

Joy Park Walking Path

Total Funding Commitment \$160,400

Lost Revenue Replacement

Total Funding Commitment \$24,000,000

Minority Business Mentoring Program

Total Funding Commitment \$500,000

Neighborhood Doorbell Cameras

Total Funding Commitment \$50,000

Patterson Park Community Center Renovation

Total Funding Commitment \$7,450,000

Reservoir Park Community Center Renovation

Total Funding Commitment \$4,700,000

Reservoir Pool and Bathhouse Renovation

Total Funding Commitment \$6,900,000

Rubber City Heritage Trail Phase 1

Total Funding Commitment \$1,017,000

THRIVE Mentorship Program

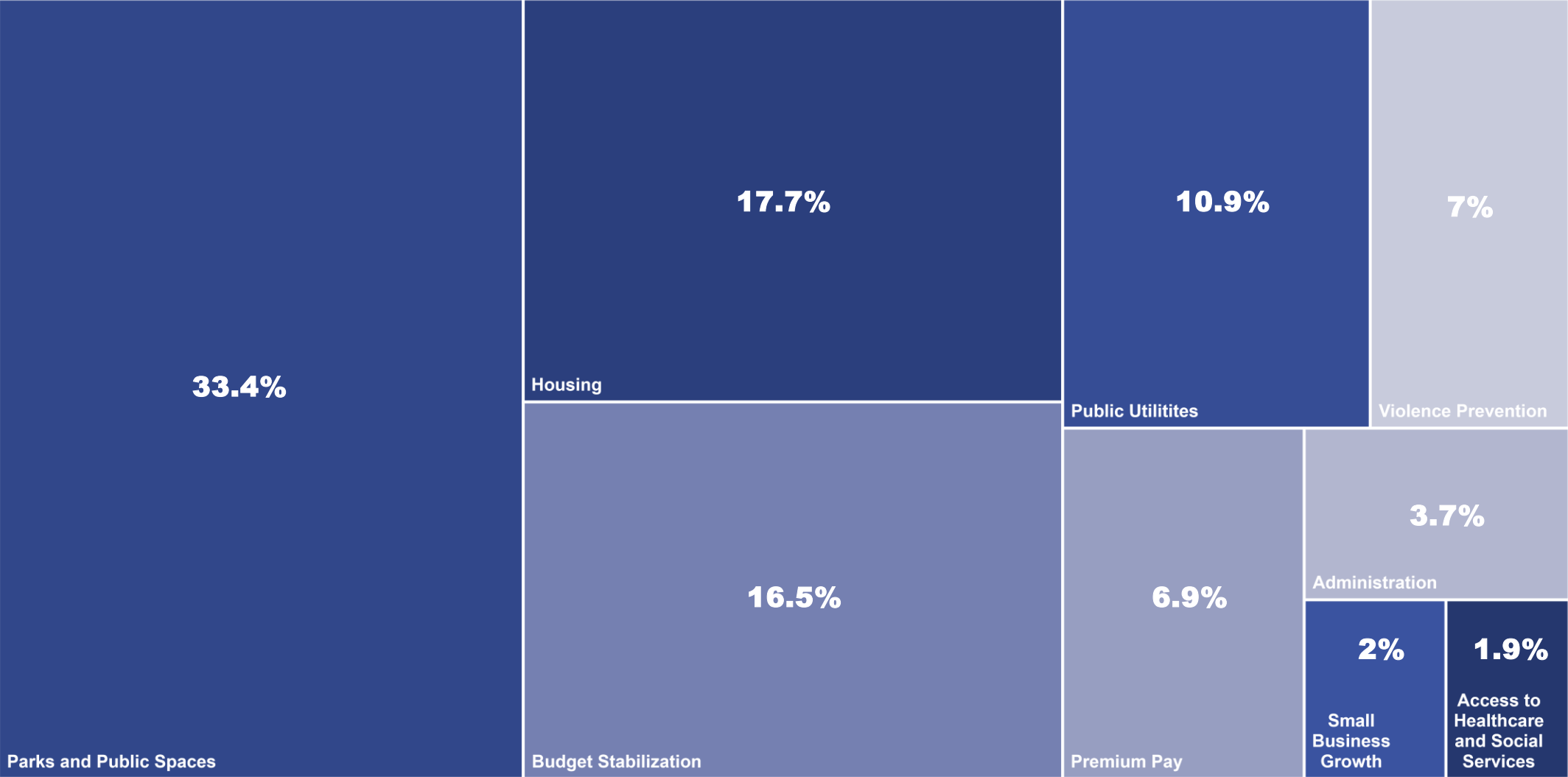
Total Funding Commitment \$800,000

Small Business Relief Round 2

Total Funding Commitment \$200,000



Transformational investments in housing, parks, and public places make up over half the City of Akron's ARPA investments



Presumed Impacted/Disproportionately Impacted Populations

Many eligible uses require a program target those **“impacted”** directly by the pandemic and its negative economic consequences or those **“disproportionately impacted”** who experience disproportionate public health or economic outcomes from the pandemic

Program Category	Presumed Impacted	Presumed Disproportionately Impacted
Public Health	The general public (for COVID-19 mitigation and prevention, behavioral health services)	Households or populations that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reside in a Qualified Census Tract (QCT) • Are served by a Tribal government • Reside in a U.S. territory or receives services from a territorial government
Negative Economic Impacts	Households or populations that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Experienced unemployment • Experienced increased food or housing insecurity • Are low- or moderate-income • Qualify for certain federal programs • Qualify for the National Housing Trust Fund and Home Investment Partnerships Program (when providing affordable housing programs) Any student that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lost access to in-person instruction for a significant period of time (when providing services to address loss instructional time in K-12 schools) 	

Disproportionately impacted populations are also presumed to be impacted

Recipients may identify other impacted or disproportionately impacted individuals or classes

